

JULY

JULY 13 (Saturday) 12pm - 4pm
Outdoor Adventure Day

Spend the day learning skills that can help you and your family survive and thrive when exploring the outdoors. Activities will include: orienteering, edible and medicinal plants, fire making and more! Join us at the Ranger Station and surrounding park grounds.

JULY 13 (Saturday) 4pm - 5pm
Montana Fur Trade

Humanities Montana Speaker E.B. Eiselein, author and adjunct instructor at Flathead Community College will explore the history of the fur trade in the Northwest. The first half of the nineteenth century brought many changes to Montana's Indians as the fur trade changes their lives. This history looks at both the European good which traders brought in as well as the good - furs and food - which the Indians supplied. The program also examines the changes brought to Indian cultures by the fur trade, and the conflicts between the traders/trappers and the Indians. Meet at the Region 4 Headquarters in the Meeting Room.

JULY 20 (Saturday) 10am - 12pm
Walking the Wilds

Join our Park Ranger for a hike along the newest section of the River's Edge Trail on the north shore. The hike will follow the new beautiful section of trail near Cochrane Dam in the rugged canyon of the Missouri. Moderately strenuous. Bring water and a snack. Bring your hiking boots, snack, water and sense of adventure! Meet at the Ryan Trailhead.

AUGUST

AUGUST 3 (Saturday) 10am - 3pm
Art in the Park

Join us for our annual "Art in the Park" day. You will have the opportunity to see local artists in action as they draw inspiration from the beautiful setting to create new works of art. Children will have the chance to create a work of art for themselves and add their talents to a community piece of art. Come explore one of the great sites in Great Falls!



Explore More!

Enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, boating and more. Discover some of the greatest natural and cultural treasures on earth at YOUR Montana State Parks.

In the area?
First People Buffalo Jump
342 Ulm -Vaughn Rd.
Ulm, MT 59485
406-866-2217

On the go?
Find Events Online @
stateparks.mt.gov/calendar



<http://pocketranger.com/apps/mt/apps.php>

PARK HOURS

Daily: 8:00 am to Sunset

Program Fees :

All summer walks, talks and experiences are FREE with park admission.

*Preregistration is required for :
2013 Weed Pull
Fly Fishing Day Camp
National Trails Day: Walking the Wilds

Park Fees :

Residents	\$0.00
Non-Residents	\$5.00

Driving directions:

From I-15, take Exit 280 at Great Falls, follow signs for Giant Springs State Park. Turn right onto Central Ave. W. Turn left onto River Dr. N. Turn left onto Giant Springs Rd. Turn left into parking lot.

For more information:

4600 Giant Springs Rd.
Great Falls, MT 59405

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GIANT SPRINGS
STATE PARK

Summer 2013

Walks, Talks and
Experiences!

“I think this fountain the largest I ever beheld, and the badsome cascade which it affords over some steep and irregular rocks in it's passage to the river adds not a little to it's beauty.”

- Capitan Meriwether Lewis 1805



2013 Schedule of Events



Giant Springs was discovered by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805 and is one of the largest freshwater springs in the country. This is also the site of the Roe River, once listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's shortest river. Giant Springs flows at a rate of 156 million gallons of water per day. Many people come to marvel at this remarkable resource. You can picnic by the Missouri River, visit the fish hatchery and visitor center, walk along the Rivers Edge Trail, view the nearby Rainbow Falls overlook, or visit the neighboring Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operated by the U.S. Forest Service. Explore More at YOUR Montana State Parks!

Recurring Summer Programs

MAY 27 - AUGUST 11 (Daily) 11am

Story of the Springs

Join our Park Rangers as they share stories of the past, present and future from this amazing resource! This is a wonderful way to start your experience at Giant Springs State Park. Meet at the Springs Viewing Area.

MAY 31 - AUGUST 9 (Fridays) 2pm - 3pm

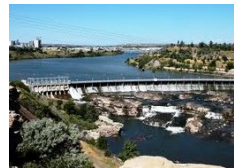
River Reveries: The Saga of the Missouri

Located at the base of the falls that Captain Meriweather Lewis described as “truly magnificent and sublimely grand” on a beautiful island on the Mighty Mo, this program will explore the meandering story of the river itself, from its ancient beginning to its mythic history to its present status as a recreational, Industrial, and ecological wonder. Meet at the Ryan Island Falls Overlook.

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 10 (Saturdays) 2pm - 3pm

Mighty Missouri: The Power of the Missouri

The first of the Great Falls, Black Eagle is a beautiful example of natural and man-made power. This program will explore the immense splendor of wildlife, plant-life and human-life connected to the Missouri River. Meet at the Black Eagle Falls Overlook.



JUNE 2 - AUGUST 11 (Sundays) 2pm - 3pm

Over the Rainbow: The Splendor of the Missouri

Standing far above a sweeping bend in the river, you will be able to see why Captain Meriwether Lewis considered the spectacle of Rainbow Falls to be one of the loveliest he had ever encountered. This program will delve into the roots of Montana, exploring the unique features of the land. Meet at the Rainbow Falls Overlook.

JUNE 2 - AUGUST 11 (Sundays) 1pm-2pm

Junior Naturalists: Summer Explorers!

Children ages 4 -12 with adults will experience the park with fun outdoor activities. Meet at the Ranger Station.

“Park Explorers” 6/9, 6/30, 7/21, 8/11

Dragon flies, owls and trout....oh my! Let’s see what’s living in the park!

“Bugs and Slugs” 6/16, 7/7, 7/28

Get ready to get dirty as we look for everything that is creepy, crawly and cool.

“Awesome Aviators” 6/23, 7/14, 8/4

Let’s have some high flying fun as we learn about Montana birds.

MAY

May 18 (Saturday) 11am - 4pm

National Kids to Parks Day : Become a Junior Ranger!

Celebrate National Kids to Parks Day and become a Junior Park Ranger! Activities include nature hike, completion of an activity guide and lots of fun! Meet at the Ranger Station.

11am - 12 pm “KUB Ranger”

Children (with adult) ages 4-6

1pm - 2pm & 3pm - 4pm “Junior Ranger”

Children (with adult) ages 6-12

JUNE

JUNE 1 (Saturday) 11am-2:30pm

National Trails Day : Walking the Wilds

Join our Park Ranger for a hike celebrating National Trails Day along the newest section of the River’s Edge Trail on the north shore. The hike will follow the new beautiful section of trail near Cochrane Dam in the rugged canyon of the Missouri. This walk will be on a dirt and rocky 3.7 mile trail. Moderately strenuous. Bring water and a snack. Meet at Gibson Park to carpool at

11am to the Ryan Trailhead, and then take a shuttle to Cochran Dam.

*Preregistration is Required.

Call 791-7700*



JUNE 8 (Saturday) 8am - 12pm

National Get Outdoors Day : 2013 Weed Pull!

In celebration of National Get Outdoors Day, we are hosting our 2013 Weed Pull! This is an opportunity for you to learn about noxious weeds and native plants as you help your state park in the maintenance of the beautiful grounds. T-shirt and lunch will be provided. *Preregistration is Required. Call 727-1212*

JUNE 15 (Saturday) 4pm - 5pm

Indian Education of Lewis and Clark

Humanities Montana Speaker Hal Sterns will take you back in time as he becomes Captain William Clark. Without question, the Corps to the North-west needed Native Americans to succeed in accomplishing their two-plus year trip. Indians provided knowledge, food, great generosity, stories, and significant moments. This story is a great expression of “Indian Education for All.” Meet at Region 4 Headquarters Meeting Room.

JUNE 22 (Saturday) 9am - 3pm

Way of the Trout: Fly Fishing Day Camp

This is your chance to learn the ways of a famous Montana pastime. This program will show participants (Age 16 & up) how to fish for trout effectively with grace and style. The morning will feature classes in fly tying and casting by local experts. Then it will be time to try your luck along the river.

Preregistration is Required. Call 727-1212